

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1604  
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UNIVERSITY FOR PIOS NRIS  
Rao Shri Kavuri Samba Siva

**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has initiated steps to facilitate the establishment and functioning of the proposed university for PIOs/NRIs during the current academic year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its location and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to enact any law to facilitate the establishment and functioning of the said university;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the said university is likely to start its functioning?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (e) The task of setting up the first PIO/NRI university at Bangaluru has been entrusted to the Manipal Academy of Higher Education Trust (MAHET). As per the recommendations of the Advisory Board, work is underway to draft a bill for being enacted into a legislation by an Act of Parliament for setting up the proposed PIO/ NRI University as also more such universities to be located elsewhere in the country. The first PIO/ NRI University is expected to start functioning on completion of the necessary formalities and procedures prescribed by regulatory bodies.